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MOTION BY SUPERVISOR ZEV YAROSLAVSKY

MARCH 6, 2007

At the request of Los Angeles County, the United States Census Bureau recently designated the San Fernando Valley as a “census county district” (CCD). Under this CCD, census data will now be made available for the entire San Fernando Valley, including portions of Los Angeles, Calabasas and other cities as well as an unincorporated area. The CCD designation will enable businesses, non-profits and government agencies within the San Fernando Valley to receive and interpret data that crosses city boundaries such that the entire Valley can be considered as one entity.

As a part of this effort, the Economic Alliance of the San Fernando Valley and the San Fernando Valley Economic Research Center at California State University, Northridge (CSUN) have begun developing an annual “Economic Forecast for the San Fernando Valley” and a “San Fernando Valley Economic Report.” These documents are invaluable for the continuing development of the San Fernando Valley as an economic whole.

State Unemployment Insurance Code Section 1095 (r) allows the release of confidential State Employment Development Department information “(t)o enable city and county planning agencies to develop economic forecasts for planning purposes.” State statute requires that the County Board of Supervisors express its willingness to

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enter into such a contract by way of resolution.

Moreover, under State law, this data may be made available to entities or individuals who have contracted with a governmental planning agency to prepare an economic report or develop an economic forecast.

The County may contract with CSUN to complete the development of its economic forecast and allow it to utilize this data, subject to detailed State and Federal rules regarding confidentiality, indemnification, and the return or destruction of the data when the time period for its use has ended.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors adopt the attached resolution indicating its interest in entering into an agreement with the State of California Employment Development Department for the release of confidential employer (ES-202) information in accordance with the provisions of Unemployment Insurance Code Section 1095(r) and of 20 CFR 603; and

I FURTHER MOVE that the County Counsel be directed to review and the Chairman of the Board be authorized to execute the necessary agreement with State EDD; and

I FURTHER MOVE that the County Counsel be directed to prepare and the Chairman of the Board be authorized execute a contract between the County and California State University, Northridge for completion of the economic forecast and allowing the use of the State EDD data for a period of one year only, subject to the confidentiality, security and indemnification provisions required by State and Federal laws.

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
INTENTION TO CONTRACT WITH STATE EMPLOYMENT
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TO ALLOW FOR THE
RECEIPT OF CERTAIN CONFIDENTIAL DATA**

WHEREAS, at the request of Los Angeles County, the United States Census Bureau recently designated the San Fernando Valley as a census county district, allowing for census data to be made available for the entire geographic area.

WHEREAS, in addition, this designation enables the County to receive and interpret data that crosses city boundaries.

WHEREAS, the Economic Alliance of the San Fernando Valley and the San Fernando Valley Research Center at California State University, Northridge ("CSUN") have begun an annual *Economic Forecast for the San Fernando Valley* and a *San Fernando Valley Economic Report*.

WHEREAS, the County believes that these documents will be invaluable planning tools for the continuing development of the San Fernando Valley as an economic whole and, as such, intends to contract with CSUN for the completion of these documents.

WHEREAS, completion of these documents would be greatly assisted, and the quality of the documents greatly improved, if certain confidential information maintained by the State Economic Development Department was considered.

WHEREAS, access to such information necessitates that the County contract with the State Employment Development Department, which among other provisions,

will set forth requirements to protect the confidentiality of the information and will allow for the reimbursement of the State's costs in providing the information to the County.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles:

To contract with the State Employment Development Department so as to receive confidential information maintained by that Department for the purpose of assisting in the completion of the economic forecast and economic report for the San Fernando Valley to be used by the County and others for planning purposes.


The foregoing resolution was on the 6th day of March 2007, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles.

SACHI A. HAMAI
Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board of
Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles

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